

Our Fourfooted Friends

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LEAGUE PROTESTS TV BULLFIGHT SHOW

DESPITE a nation-wide wave of protest, "Bullfight in Spain," a 90-minute Sports International color telecast, was shown on Saturday afternoon, February 2, by the National Broadcasting Company.

The Animal Rescue League of Boston sent the following telegram urging cancellation of the gory demonstration: WISH TO PROTEST FOR THOUSANDS OF OUR MEMBERS THE SHOW "BULLFIGHT IN SPAIN." BULLFIGHTING IS ILLEGAL IN THIS COUNTRY, IS A CRUEL SPECTACLE, AND THE SHOWING OF IT IN AMERICAN LIVINGROOMS IS NOT ONLY IN BAD TASTE BUT UNJUSTIFIED.

Despite protests from all parts of the United States, "Bullfight in Spain" went on. The show was objectionable in many ways. The bulls were lanced by picadores on horseback. The blindfolded horses were brutally knocked down. Banderillas were jabbed into the shoulders and necks, their weight and the movements of the bull causing the barbed tips to tear at the raw,

bleeding flesh and muscle. Finally, the relentless camera followed the final moments as the death sword was plunged into the weakened animal. And all of this at a prime children's viewing time!

There can be no justification whatsoever for telecasting "Bullfight in Spain." As entertainment it could not have been filmed in the United States because bullfighting is unlawful in every state. As a sport, even NBC's Bud Palmer, who emcees Sports International, told a *Newsweek* reporter: "It (bullfighting) isn't a sport. Even the Spaniards call it a spectacle." NBC indicated that bullfighting is a reflection of Spanish culture and, therefore, should be shown. If this show was to have been a documentary on Spanish sport, then a soccer game would have been more objective. We were told just recently by a Spanish Count whose home is in Barcelona that the national sport in Spain today is soccer. Bullfighting is more a tourist attraction.

LET'S HAVE NO MORE BULLFIGHTS TELEVISED IN THIS COUNTRY

WE CAN DO WITHOUT THEM!

C. E. B.

← COVER: *Record-American* photo by Edwin Stephan shows Cindy Lou Crockwell, granddaughter of the League's switchboard operator, Mrs. Phyllis Birtwell.



LEAGUE IN ACTION: Vice-President Earl E. Wentzel conducts a group from the Morgan Memorial Day Nursery through the League's Pet Adoption Department.

ANNUAL MEETING

Animal Rescue League of Boston

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1963 ♦ 2:30 P.M.

Auditorium, League Headquarters, Corner Tremont and Arlington Streets



Members and friends are cordially invited to attend and listen to reports covering the past year's activities, watch a marionette show by the League puppeteers and the presentation of humane awards and enjoy tea at the conclusion of the meeting



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BUSTER did not look before he crossed the road. A speeding car swerved to avoid him, but he was still struck on the head by one of the wheels. Another car passed over him, and its muffler or part of the under-structure tore a 12" gash in the side of his chest. In shock, bleeding severely and suffering from a concussion, Buster was rushed to the Animal Rescue League Clinic.

A team of doctors went to work and anesthetized Buster, administered intravenous fluids and blood to replace that which he had lost; and painstakingly removed bits of hair, gravel, rust flakes and dead devitalized tissue. Layers of muscles were sutured back in proper position and alignment in hopes of restoring their normal function, and finally the skin was closed.

In time Buster made an uneventful and complete recovery. But this was possible mainly because the dog was brought to us at the earliest possible moment when shock could be overcome, and the contaminated wound could be cleansed and closed before more shock or spread of infection could take place.

Many of the cases we see during the year have not been brought to us right away, but have been neglected for several days before we see them. Unfortunately, contrary to the mistaken belief held by some people, animals have no special curative powers not possessed by man. Fractured legs must be set in dogs and cats if good healing and function are to be expected, just as they must in man.

The sooner treatment can be instigated after injury or sickness starts, the better the chances of correcting the diseased condition and restoring the animal to health with a minimum of pain and discomfort to the animal as well as expense to the owner.

Buster is alive today because loving owners brought him to us as soon as possible and treatment was started immediately. If the owners of Buster had waited two

or three days for Buster to lick his wounds and heal himself, the chances are he would no longer be with us.

It isn't always possible to dramatically demonstrate the League's work, but in the pages which follow by word and picture we will try to illustrate the various services which make up the routine of a day at an animal-welfare society.

One of the greatest joys experienced by any humane organization is the finding of a good home for one of its waifs. The following letter addressed to the Director of the League's Adoption Department speaks for itself.

"Our new little dog, Mitzie, is well adjusted and happy in her new home with her toys and us. We, of course, are very happy with her love and companionship, and her presence in our home means more to us than mere words can express. We are definitely very pleased with her, and I would like to take this opportunity to express to you personally, and to the League, our deepest thanks for our new dog. She is a perfect companion for us, and I know that the future will hold many happy hours of enjoyment.

"Four years ago, it was humanely necessary for us to bring our companion for sixteen years to you to be put to sleep as she was partly blind, partly deaf, and had lost control of her bowels and kidneys, besides having a malignant tumor. It was our veterinary's advice, at her age, to put her to sleep. We thought it over for two weeks before bringing her in to you people. She died mercifully in my arms, was cremated, and we have her ashes here. Frankly, we went back to our car and cried like babies, as it was like losing a member of the family. Our most recent dog was killed by a car, and we made the decision that our next dog would not run loose. We love a dog very much, and have had one for some thirty years altogether. On the death of our late Cindy, the owner of the house expressed his sympathy, and at the same time

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told us he did not want us to have another, even though she was a good dog and no problem. This broke our hearts, so we decided that, if we could not have another dog there, we would move to a new place where there was no objection to one. We moved on January 5th, and after getting settled, we came to you people for a new companion. It was quite an expense to move, but worth it to get such a good little dog.

"Her first night in her new home she made several messes on paper, and, since I was on vacation from Tufts University where I work, I had a good chance to train her a little in good manners. Now she will go through the night until I take her out for her morning run. She seldom uses the paper now, but will keep them down a while longer just in case. Of course, like all young dogs, she started to chew on rug corners, but having brought up dogs before, we expected this, and she is corrected when she is naughty, which now is not often. She goes with us all the time in the car, and last week I bought her a new sweater for those cold days and nights when she is out with us. She is almost a twin to our late dog, and shows many of the same traits, and I know that she will grow up to be another perfect companion for us. She nearly eats me up when I come home from work, and already knows what time to expect me, and watches out the window for me to arrive home. She already has made our home a very happy one with her love for us. She is a very lovable dog, and has been very happy and contented since the moment I brought her home. This week I will take her to my veterinary for her permanent shots.

"For the happiness and enjoyment Mitzie has brought my wife and me, to merely say Thank you, seems so inadequate, as the true love we have for our new dog could never be put into words. To further express my thanks to you and the League, I am enclosing my check to help in a small way in your wonderful work.

"In closing, may I say once again, from the bottom of our hearts, and from Mitzie, too, Thank you so much."

INSPECTION, INVESTIGATION AND QUARANTINE

CONSTANT inspection of stockyards, riding and livery stables, livestock auctions, and any other place where animals are used or kept is an essential duty of the Inspection Department. These routine inspections enable us to insure the adequate care and humane handling of these animals at all times. We try to maintain a spirit of cooperation with those in charge of these animals, so that our suggestions and recommendations

are usually accepted quite readily. However, if a firm reprimand or more drastic action is needed, we have been able to enforce our requirements.

Our Inspection Department has been quite active during the past year in assisting the Police and Health Department of the City of Boston in removing animals from residences where their number had accumulated to the extent that they created a nuisance or hazard to the neighborhood. In three large scale operations our inspectors assisted in and supervised the removal of a total of 86 dogs and 112 cats and kittens. It is on such occasions that we can be thankful for animal welfare societies, such as the Animal Rescue League of Boston, where personnel and equipment are available to cope with the emergency.

On one occasion our inspectors were called upon to rescue a cat that had gotten into the motor of a car to keep warm on one of those bitterly cold days this past winter. By the time the inspector returned to the League with the cat, there was another call from the same party indicating that another cat had been discovered warming himself in the same motor. The second rescue was accomplished without further incident.

Our report of the Inspection Department would not be complete without a mention of the Christmas dinners and blankets for horses that we were able to deliver this year through the generosity of the response to our Christmas for Animals appeal. Twelve good warming blankets were supplied to needy horses, and over 400 Christmas dinners composed of ground oats, bran, corn meal, cracked corn, apples and carrots were delivered to livery and riding stables. In addition to being able to supply some immediate comfort and food for these animals, this visit also places us in an advantageous position to suggest the replacement of broken windows and other needed repairs for the winter comfort of the horses.

Probably one of the lesser known services of the League, but one of the more beneficial to the community as well as a most important one in the interest of public health and safety, is the work of the Quarantine Department. This rabies control program requires that careful and complete records of every animal bite case reported in the City of Boston be maintained. And, of course, every animal so reported must be examined and quarantined for fourteen days.

Although dogs and cats are the most usual offenders, biting incidents are not restricted to them alone. This year, for example, monkeys, rabbits, hamsters, squirrels, a bat, chipmunk, rat and acouchies were forced to undergo two weeks of restraint and observation. While none of these animals proved to be rabid, no amount of vigilance is too great to expend in the behalf of public safety as well as the welfare of the animals involved.



League Agent Gilbert Callaban holds two of the four dovekies which made rare landings in Greater Boston after they apparently were blown inland by a severe storm. Usually these birds are seen far out to sea.

COLLECTION SERVICE

OUR Order Department handles thousands of calls every year. Most of these are routine calls for the collection of stray and unwanted animals. But frequently in the daily routine each ambulance agent has the opportunity to utilize his ingenuity and oftentimes test his courage in extricating an animal from some unpredictable situation. We have asked our agents to relate some of their experiences.

We had a routine call in Watertown to pick up a cat. When Agent Loeffler knocked at the door he got no answer and was just about to leave when a weak voice told him to come in. He found a very elderly lady sick in bed. It was one of those bitterly cold days this past winter, and it was nearly as cold in the house as outside. The lady told our agent that her phone was out of order and she could not call the oil company. Our agent made the phone call to the oil company, and also notified the police about the condition of this lady so that they could make certain that she was properly cared for.

A call from the MTA in Brookline reported that a dog was on the tracks holding up service near Cypress Street. From this point Agent Loeffler walked along the tracks for what seemed like miles until he found the dog lying by the track with an injured leg. With the dog in his arms he rode the train to the next station where a police cruiser was available to transport him and the dog back to his ambulance and then to the clinic at the League.

The police from Division 4 called for assistance in removing a dog from the premises of his owner who had died. When Agent Loeffler got there he found a frightened, growling dog lying beside the body of his master. He would not allow anyone to come near. By persuasion and coaxing our agent was finally able to gain the dog's

confidence and remove him to our shelter.

The League was called for assistance in removing a cat from a tree. Our agent, Frank Camfora, was sent to Capen Street, Medford with all available equipment. However our ladder and cat pole were not sufficient to get near the cat. Agent Camfora asked for assistance from the Medford Fire Department. Fire departments are reluctant to assist on such calls because their responsibility is to be ready to protect the community and its residents from fire. However a ladder truck was dispatched to render assistance. Using their 100 foot ladder and the cat pole, our agent finally rescued the cat. An audience of onlooking children from a nearby school applauded as the cat was brought down the ladder.

Late one rainy Saturday evening alert policemen from Division 6 in South Boston discovered a very unusual situation at the Fish Pier. It seems that in the course of pursuing a cat, a fairly large, mixed breed shepherd dog chased the cat through the small opening of a wooden cable reel used by the Edison Company to lay heavy underground cable. The cat made it through the small opening, and the dog followed but only his head went through and it became stuck. Police discovered the dog as a result of his howling. Agent Watson was dispatched to the scene to find the cat sitting inside the huge reel staring at the dog very calmly. It seemed to him that the cat was enjoying the whole affair.

Agent Watson went to work, and while the police held lights he reached in from the other end of the reel and administered sufficient chloroform to let the dog relax, after which he was successfully extricated and taken safely to the League shelter. Police said they were impressed by the efficient way the dog was removed.



Raymond Perry, 14-year-old cerebral palsy victim, was overjoyed when his lost dog Spot was returned to him from the League's Lost & Found Department. The dog was lost for 15 days, but a story in the Record-American resulted in the boy and his dog being brought together.

LOST AND FOUND DEPARTMENT

IN THE Lost and Found Department, we could not be happier than when we see a worried and heartsick family finally find their forlorn pet in our shelter. Unfortunately, many of the strays that are brought to us or are picked up on the street do not carry any license or identification. The importance of having your dog licensed and having him wear his tag at all times cannot be too strongly emphasized.

Occasionally we pick up a dog carrying an out-of-state license, and sometimes the circumstances surrounding the return of these animals becomes quite involved. In one instance last year, we found a stray, mixed breed female carrying a dog license from the State of Maine. The Division of Animal Industry in Maine was quite helpful in attempting to locate the owner, and called us long distance to notify us that the dog belonged to a man now living in Somerville. We were able to locate the owner and return the dog to him.

A local express agency phoned our night clerk to report that a dog in transit from Portsmouth, New Hampshire to Kentucky had escaped from the kennel while being fed. The description given was that of a brown Cocker Spaniel. The next morning we searched our kennels for this animal, but found none answering that description. Then we checked the record of stray animals received and found that a tan and white mixed breed spaniel had been picked up in the vicinity of the express agency. However, this was still a long shot

as far as positive identification was concerned. The express company contacted the owner in Kentucky and then arranged with a veterinarian in Portsmouth who had treated the dog to send his assistant to Boston to make positive identification. This was accomplished and the dog was returned to the express company to continue his trip to Kentucky.

On another occasion the owners of a little Scottie dog called us frequently in hopes of finding their lost pet. He had been gone for about a month and the owners were on the point of giving up. One bitter cold afternoon a young boy walked into our shelter carrying a bundle of blankets which held the little lost Scottie covered with wood shavings from a lumber yard. One of the girls on our staff brushed the shavings out of his eyes, and it seems that she was a privileged person, because the boy said he wouldn't let anyone else near him. We notified the owner and he was returned to a very happy family.

We are so thrilled when we can return animals to their homes, because these poor creatures cannot talk or help themselves when they are lost. In a constant effort to get owners of lost animals to come to the League to look for their lost pets, we run a daily advertisement in the classified section of the Boston newspapers on a rotating schedule. The advertisement is headed by the motto of our Lost and Found Department — "Don't give up — Your pet won't!" The result was the return of over 800 pets last year.

CAPE COD BRANCH

MARGARET MORSE COFFIN, *Director*

HARWICH PORT, MASSACHUSETTS

IN AN old-time garden long remembered, stands a sundial bearing the inscription, "I record only the sunny hours." At its foot gilly-flowers, meadow lilies and moss roses grow in profusion, while behind it a grove of white pine trees gives protection from buffeting winds.

How earnestly we whose work lies chiefly with this world's "lesser" creatures wish we had only sunny hours to record. In looking back over the past year, there are indeed happy events to chronicle and to share with the good friends who make life possible for our Cape Cod Branch. Yet grim cases of neglect and unforgettable cruelty are still with us.

A letter received from the Middle West late last summer, written from her home address by a Cape visitor, describes an appalling scene witnessed here by her before her departure. To me it meant the revival of an old case with which we had dealt in the early years of our Branch work. We had concluded that it was long since dead and buried, but now it had flared up again. My object in mentioning it is to answer the question sometimes asked in astonishment: "Are there any instances of cruelty on Cape Cod?" Also, I feel impelled to remind our friends how necessary it is to have willing and efficient agents who come to the rescue and free from misery the animals involved as in this particular case.

Few persons in our prosperous towns and villages today realize how close we are to jungle life in the feline world. We know, however, from bitter experience that an abandoned pet cat must soon take to the woods or thickets for food and protection. Kittens born and reared there become wild creatures early in life.

"It's the weirdest sight where we live," remarked a child recently, "to see a cat and her family living in a tree. Such a pretty cat with a long fluffy tail. Once it must have had a good home and care, but now though we try to feed them, they won't come near us. One got killed by a dog when it jumped down to the ground."

How can we persuade well meaning persons not to let all their pet cat's kittens survive? A dreamless sleep when new-born is far more merciful than the results which await those dropped on doorsteps or handed out to any irresponsible person who will impulsively accept them, only to desert them later.

"My Dad don't like it! My Mom won't keep it!" sang a child twirling a paper bag in air as she ran on her way to school. Inside the bag was a young kitten, luckily

saved later by an indignant teacher. Not all adults, alas, are so forceful.

There was, for example, a mother who called out to her small boy on his way to a party, "Here! Take this kitten with you as a gift to the little birthday girl."

"You mean the white one?" asked Johnny. "No, the ugly black one — the one you got in the church raffle."

Last summer a situation came to the attention of one of our Cape agents which was of real concern to us. A shipment of furniture from central Massachusetts was delivered to a Chatham store. The carton was sealed with paper tape and was opened when the crying of kittens was heard by workers in the warehouse. One kitten was injured and the remainder in poor condition. Our Boston headquarters immediately investigated and learned that a mother cat in the furniture factory had had kittens but they had suddenly disappeared, and the only answer seemed to be that the mother had moved her offspring into the packing case containing the furniture, and they had inadvertently been sealed in. It was suggested that in the future precautions be taken so that such an occurrence could not happen again.

What prompts people to be cruel we will never understand. A ten-year-old girl walking in Cape woods found a purebred Irish Water Spaniel tied to a tree with a short piece of plastic clothes line. The poor animal had been shot with shot too small to kill — only to wound. His wounds were festered, indicating some time had elapsed, and was nearly dead when brought to our shelter by the little girl's father. Mercifully, he was put to sleep. We may never find the fiend who perpetrated this cruelty, but, if we do, he will be prosecuted to the fullest extent which the law allows.

Would You?

It seems I must discover —
Pad and pencil on a string —
To hang securely round my neck —
And note most anything.

But here the point eludes me —
I have not solved it yet —
How on Earth can I remember —
Which things I will forget.

MARGARET MORSE COFFIN

EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT

ON Tuesday, May 29, the Animal Rescue League of Boston put on a fine puppet show in the Lincoln School, Revere. It was very interesting because it suggested some important rules about pet care.

"The play emphasized the importance of purchasing a license for your dog. Also, to give your dog fresh water three times a day in the summer. You should never leave your pet in a car with all the windows closed, as he will suffocate. Never let your dog follow you to school because, if he gets excited, he may bite one of the children.

"The scenery was realistic and the puppets were life-like. I really enjoyed the show and I think it was a fine idea to suggest pet care in a favorite fairy-tale.

/s/ Dale Wallace"

Another letter addressed to the League's puppeteers, Miss Harriet Flannery and Mrs. Gloria Holbrook, from a student at the Highland School, Reading, says:

"I want you to know that I thought your puppet play was wonderful. You took the story 'The Three Little Pigs' and rearranged it to prove the points which should be observed by every girl and boy who owns a pet.

"The point that was made clear in my mind was that, if you put yourself in the place of your pet, would you like to be treated as they are treated?

"Again, I think you are doing a wonderful job. Thank you.

/s/ Michele Beaudry"

Dale and Michele, perhaps, speak for the approximately 98,000 children before whom the League puppeteers presented some 395 shows in the past year. Enrollment is steadily increasing in the elementary schools, which means the League's humane education program is definitely reaching more children and teachers. That our shows have a great educational value is recognized by superintendents, principals and teachers. The following letter illustrates this quite clearly.

"May we express again our appreciation to you and your assistant for the delightful puppet show you presented for our children.

"All the classes enjoyed hearing and seeing the classroom discussion and work which followed. You may be pleased to know that the lessons you teach about care and consideration of animals make a decided impression

on our youngsters. This is very obvious from their compositions and oral discussions.

"We will be looking forward to having your instruction and entertainment next year. In the meantime pleasant holidays to you!

/s/ Joseph M. Porcella

Principal, Abraham Lincoln School, Revere"

The following letter from the Framingham School Department is of particular interest since some student-teachers were in the audience when our program was shown. Thus, some of the Commonwealth's future teachers already are made aware of the need for teaching kindness and understanding. The letter states:

"Thank you very much for such a delightful performance this past week. The students, faculty, and student-teachers are high in their praise of your program. Please save two days for us in December, 1963. The week of December 16 is open for any day. The previous two weeks would be more safely arranged for a Monday and Tuesday.

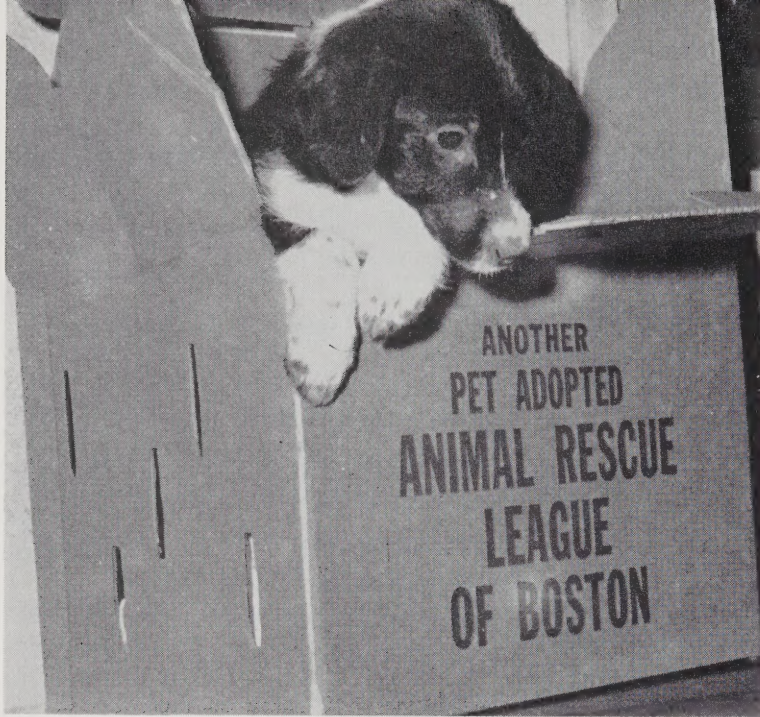
"Give my best to Mrs. Holbrook, and to you both my best wishes for a wonderful 1963.

/s/ Mary E. Stapleton

Principal, Jonathan Maynard School"

During the year just past, the League's puppeteers visited two schools in Rochester, New Hampshire, during Be Kind to Animals Week at the request of the Strafford County Animal Protective Society. A marionette show, also, was presented at the Public Library in Amesbury to a group of 175 children who had completed all requirements of the summer reading program sponsored by the Library.

In addition to the regular school program, the Education Department distributed 500 posters and dog license reminders to schools, libraries and settlement houses during Be Kind to Animals Week. Several youth groups visited League headquarters during the Week for the showing of educational films and a tour of the shelter and clinic. During July the annual Animal Friends Summer School was conducted at Cataumet and puppet shows presented at North Falmouth and Pocasset. Miss Flannery and Mrs. Holbrook also attended the International Conference on Humane Education sponsored by the International Society for the Protection of Animals held at the Alvord Wildlife Sanctuary, Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire, and there presented a marionette show. Miss Flannery was presented the American Humane Education Society's Humane Key during the Conference. She has been asked to serve again on The American Humane Association's Humane Education Committee.



This little dog has found someone to give him a home and will soon be leaving the League's Adoption Department in his own special carrier provided to new owners by the League.

PET PLACEMENT

THOUSANDS of replies every year tell us how much love and devotion accompany each pet that is adopted from our Pet Placement Department. Here is a sampling of a few of our favorites: —

"Our puppy is quite well adjusted to his new home and practically housebroken. The children, mine and all our neighbors', love him and we even let him loose last night and he didn't do anything he shouldn't have. This little animal will, fortunately or unfortunately, be the most spoiled pet in our community. We are truly grateful that we thought of the Animal Rescue League for the adoption.

Mrs. D. C."

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"'Little Sam' is a joy and blessing. He romps all over me and the house. Just since we brought him home, Mr. H—— was taken to the hospital. Pussy has a cradle of his own. If I stretch out on the divan where his bed sets by my pillow, he creeps into my neck and goes to sleep with his little face cuddled close to mine. Even if my face is very solemn from worry, I have to laugh at his wild antics. So you see how he helps.

"Sincerely and thanks,

Mrs. W. H."

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"Well adjusted is an understatement. My two new cats really live here — I only pay the rent and their food bill. Really, 'Michael' and 'Anthony' are a joy and great public relations agents as they have converted a number of my friends who never did like cats until they met 'the guys' as they have been nick-named. Only wish I could contribute more to you for the thou-

sand laughs 'the guys' have given us.

F. M."

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"Enclosed is one dollar from 'Smokey Sue' for a subscription to your magazine.

"I thought you would be interested to know that in November last, 'Smokey Sue' celebrated her sixteenth birthday. She came to our home when she was three months old, and is utterly devoted to her family. Needless to say, she has never had a cross word spoken to her, and is the happiest, friskiest little dog imaginable. Her favorite toy is a rubber mouse that squeaks and this she carries around all over the house.

"She is healthy — in fact she doesn't appear more than two years old with her zest for play, and her alert understanding of what we say to her. Her vocabulary is wonderful.

"The Animal Rescue League did me a tremendous favor in making this dear little dog available to me sixteen years ago, and I will never forget it.

"'Smokey Sue' joins me in greetings to all —

"Sincerely

E. R."

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"'Lucky' was a member of the family from the first day. He knows it and acts the part. We are well on our way to house training him. If our wardrobe outlasts his baby teeth, then we'll have it made.

"We are recently from the west coast and we think your service to these little creatures of God is outstanding. Other cities could well take heed.

Mrs. M. D."



League veterinarian Stanley O. Travis examines a young patient.

SMALL ANIMAL CLINIC

THIS is the jet age. However, in our race against time we too often forget that nature does not change essentially. It still takes 6 to 8 weeks for a fracture to heal, a minimum of 5 days for a skin incision to heal, and months for some neurologic diseases to terminate.

For some unknown reason, a veterinarian is often expected to effect a "cure" with one shot. We must re-emphasize again and again — for most diseases there is no one-shot cure-all.

Rather there is a need of good cooperation on the part of clients presenting pets to our clinic for treatment. We find treatment failures are often due to a poor cooperation on the part of a pet owner in returning to the clinic at prescribed times for re-examination and further treatment.

In the past year the League clinic has treated hundreds, even thousands, of cases of one kind or another. Many of these are routine prophylaxis against viral diseases, fracture repair and spay operations. Some cases are not exactly "routine," however, as the following will illustrate.

KIKI was guilty of violating Newton's Law. He tried to pit his one-year-old feline frame against that of a speeding automobile and lost.

Superficially he showed but a few minor abrasions, but his labored breathing indicated the possibility of serious internal injuries. Radiographs confirmed our suspicions. A large tear in his diaphragm was evident on X-ray, complicated by the fact that abdominal viscera could be plainly seen impinging on his lung field.

With the aid of an artificial resuscitator to maintain normal breathing, he was anesthetized and prepared for surgery. An incision was made into his abdomen, and the damaged diaphragm exposed. With considerable difficulty his abdominal viscera were retracted to their normal position, and the long laceration in his diaphragm

repaired. His abdomen was closed with routine suturing. Air was aspirated from his thorax, and in a short time the artificial resuscitator removed from his trachea, and he was allowed to attempt "breathing on his own." After a few labored sputterings his respiration became normal, and after a few days of good nursing was eating and acting very normal.

The skin sutures were removed subsequently and Kiki admonished to confine his playing to softer objects and on a less treacherous raceway than a busy highway.

COMMON sewing needles with a piece of thread attached continue to be a serious problem. Several cases are seen each year of dogs and cats which have played with a piece of thread, and inadvertently swallowed not only the thread, but the attached needle as well!

A rather unusual case of a sewing needle foreign body was seen at the Animal Rescue League Clinic just recently. This case will indeed point up the amazing skill of the intestinal tract in handling sewing needles.

As a rule, sewing needles become lodged in the mouth or throat. However, our recent case was presented with symptoms of constipation. Upon examination a piece of thread was seen protruding from the dog's anus.

The owner had tried to pull the thread out, and even suggested that we simply cut the thread off! This indeed was not the answer.

Further examination revealed that the thread was attached to a sewing needle, lodged in the dog's rectum. Under anesthesia, the needle was removed, and the dog had an uneventful recovery.

How the needle ever found its way from the dog's mouth, all the way through the intestinal tract to the rectum remains to be regarded as an amazing feat. The myriad of possible routes that this needle could have followed with fatal results emphasizes the need to keep sewing needles and thread safely out of reach.



Morgan Horse Farm in Vermont with statue of Justin Morgan in foreground.

LIVESTOCK CONSERVATION

THE Director of Livestock Conservation for the Animal Rescue League of Boston takes this opportunity to express thanks to all who have assisted in making this livestock program so very impressive, particularly during the past year. Livestock conservation, as administered by the League, is spread throughout the New England States. It involves working with all segments of industries that are concerned with our larger animals.

Emphasis is placed on good management of livestock that are used for human consumption. The livestock that receive most of our attention are cattle, sheep and hogs. However, this department is vitally interested in poultry, wild life, and all other animal life that contributes to the economy of our civilization. It is, also, very active in combating all practices that result in disease, bruising, or in any manner contributing to the suffering of animals. It stresses the fact that an unthrifty animal will not produce for its owner as economically as a thrifty animal. Also, poor management practices of livestock result in unlawful as well as uneconomical suffering.

The livestock conservation program is diffused within New England through various channels. In our past reports we have explained and expanded on our activities in these different channels. We are carrying on active programs through agricultural youth groups, particularly with 4-H and Future Farmers of America and with our Land Grant Colleges. Several of the personnel of these colleges are directors of New England Livestock Conservation, Inc., and many others are actively interested in our program. We work closely with New England State Departments of Agriculture, fair supervisors, fair livestock superintendents, livestock judges, truckers, packers, auction sales managers, slaughterers, stockyard representatives, veterinarians, agricultural editors, and many other individuals who handle or supervise the handling of livestock.

One of the close cooperators in the livestock conservation work of the League is The American Humane Association with headquarters in Denver, Colorado. We have combined efforts with them and some of our

humane societies in New England to have state laws enacted that will result in more humane and economic handling of livestock. We have expanded our influence tremendously during 1962-63 in the field of humane slaughter law compliance. The American Humane Association has assisted us by donating awards for those slaughter firms that meet the rigid standards as set up to assure humane slaughter of livestock. We have worked with local organizations in New England to assist and educate slaughterers in this area with the result that during the past year six firms have received the A.H.A. Seal of Approval for the humane slaughter of livestock.

The Animal Rescue League has arranged for a plaque to be awarded to our Land Grant Colleges in New England, which meet the requirements of the A.H.A. slaughter standards. The plaque reads:

AWARD OF MERIT

PRESENTED BY

THE AMERICAN HUMANE ASSOCIATION AND ITS
AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT
THE UNITED STATES

TO

UNIVERSITY OF _____
FOR DEMONSTRATING, TEACHING AND USING
APPROVED METHODS OF HUMANE SLAUGHTER
OF FOOD ANIMALS

Four of our New England Land Grant Colleges will be the first to receive these plaques, because of the earnest effort of our livestock conservation endeavor at these institutions.

We aim through continued cooperation and leadership with all segments of the livestock industry to advance new ideas and provide guidance during the coming years, thus alleviating suffering of livestock and assuring a more economical food supply.



This picture of a hide-and-seek playing Doberman Pinscher won first prize and \$500 for Tom McNally, Glenview, Illinois, in the Gaines Dog Research Center photo contest.

SHELDON BRANCH

One morning this past winter, while riding in the League's ambulance through a heavy snowstorm, our agent on the North Shore was passing the Saugus Reservoir when he spied an animal on a rock near the shore line. He stopped the truck, went down the steep banking and up to the rock and discovered that the animal was a pregnant tri-colored cat which apparently had been hit by a car.

The cat's right front paw was severely crushed and frozen solid to the rock, caused by the blood flowing from the injured paw. Our agent thinks the poor animal must have been there all night. He tried to loosen the cat's paw, but couldn't. League agents learn to be resourceful, however, and our North Shore agent is no exception. He went back to the ambulance, drained about a quart of hot water from the radiator and made his way back to the cat. Putting snow into the hot water so as not to burn the cat's paw, he poured the warm water over the paw and around it until it was loosened. Unfortunately, examination proved the cat was so seriously injured that the only humane thing to do was put her to sleep. Yet, how much suffering was prevented by our agent's action!

As these lines are written, we are very hopeful that a fine, new animal shelter will be built this year at our Sheldon Branch on Highland Avenue, Salem. This facility is long needed and desired to better serve the animal and pet needs of the communities on the North

Shore. Architect's drawings have been completed and put out for bid. We sincerely hope that generous friends will give their support to this major undertaking which will be of great benefit to animals and pet owners alike; in fact, it would be an asset to any community.

Until such time as our Sheldon Branch has a shelter, however, our agent will continue to "carry on" as best he can. Animal rescues and routine pick-up of pets he can and does make now, but all animals then have to be transported to the Boston headquarters. A new shelter will provide an adoption service, kennels and exercise areas and many other features.

A final case, perhaps, will be of interest. Some weeks ago a man came to our Sheldon Branch early one morning. He told our agent while leaving fuel at a house that he had heard a cat crying near a brook on Millard Avenue in the Lynn Woods area. Our agent investigated and finally traced the crying to a drain pipe which led to the brook. Using a flashlight, he looked into the pipe which was about 20' long and, sure enough, at the very end of the pipe was a large tiger cat, apparently injured. The pipe was too small to admit a person, so our agent got his cat pole, put all the sections together and after some few minutes secured a tight hold and pulled the cat from the pipe. The cat was suffering real pain as its back was broken, so was put to sleep immediately.

Truly, these are deeds of a compassionate Animal Rescue League.



League Agent Joseph Connaughton with owner Julius Grolnic feeding horse Christmas goodies. This horse was also provided a new blanket by the League.

DEDHAM BRANCH

The year past has seen several physical improvements at our branch in Dedham. In the annual report issue of OUR FOURFOOTED FRIENDS last March, we reported that the dirt road leading to the newer section of the cemetery was an uneven walking path and in need of repair. We suggested a gift to the League for a black top surface would be most acceptable. A kind donor did come forward and, after viewing the condition of the roadway, presented a check to the League to cover the cost of the installation. A new fence and gate, also, were erected. The generous donor preferred to remain anonymous, but did consent to a bronze plaque being placed on the gate leading to the cemetery. It reads:

THIS DRIVEWAY IS A MEMORIAL TO
DEACON
1942-1956
IN APPEARANCE A POODLE,
IN REALITY A GREAT GENTLEMAN

The horse barn has been repaired at considerable expense, and a glistening coat of barn red paint with white trim has made it an attractive addition to the

Editor's Note: As we go to press, we are sorry to report that Agent Joseph Connaughton, pictured above, passed away suddenly on March 16, 1963.

property. Time had taken its toll of our crematory roof, so a new one has been put in place. Meanwhile, the new building erected at Pine Ridge two years ago continues to prove most functional. The animal quarters have had several visitors during the past twelve months, one a dog who stayed with us nearly a month while his mistress was hospitalized. Bebe, a coal black cat, who was mentioned in these pages a year ago, remains a fixture. Bebe's owner, in naming the League in her will, requested that the League care for her pet; and, while it took Bebe a little time to adjust, she is now happy and contented as a part of the Pine Ridge family.

Visitors to Pine Ridge are always awed by its clean and neat appearance. Well-kept lawns and flower beds as well as flowering trees and shrubs add a touch of spring and summer color as do the birds whose happy songs are heard throughout the year.

During the year just ended 68 burials were made in the cemetery and another 117 pets cremated at their owners' requests. Pine Ridge also serves as a receiving station for small animals, and in the past twelve months 121 dogs, 364 cats and 10 miscellaneous birds and animals were taken in and disposed of according to the wishes of their owners.

COMBINED RECORD OF ANIMALS FOR YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1963

			<i>Horses and Mules</i>	<i>Cattle</i>	<i>Sheep and Swine</i>	<i>Poultry and Birds</i>	<i>Misc.</i>	<i>Total</i>
		<i>Dogs</i>	<i>Cats</i>					
Collected by Agents.....		7,020	23,479			634	1,142	32,275
Brought to Office.....		4,763	6,417			333	656	12,169
Clinic.....		13,780	3,764			—	238	17,782
Investigation Dept.....		418	149	27,403	11,135	67	572	39,951
Quarantine Dept.....		1,454	53			—	19	1,526
Sheldon Branch.....		1,520	6,516			4	268	8,308
Pine Ridge Branch.....		121	364			8	2	495
Cape Cod Branches								
Provincetown.....		180	331			3	42	556
North Harwich.....		341	732			25	19	1,117
TOTALS.....		29,597	41,805	27,403	11,135	67	1,579	114,179
Number of Investigations:	1,084	Dogs Placed in New Homes:		2,513	Cats Placed in New Homes:			588
Horses Destroyed:	94	Dogs Returned to Owners:		763	Cats Returned to Owners:			108
		Misc. Animals Placed in Homes:		432				

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Pine Ridge Cemetery for Small Animals and Pine Ridge Home of Rest for Horses are maintained at 246 Pine Street, Dedham, Arthur W. Foster, Superintendent. Arrangements for burials, including cremations, may be made at League headquarters.

The Boston Shelter is open 24 hours a day to receive animals.

RECEIVING STATIONS

Boston Shelter, Corner Tremont and Arlington Streets
Dedham 246 Pine Street
East Boston Police Station No. 7
Salem Sherman Bates, 378 Highland Avenue

Cape Cod
Provincetown Donald Westover, Snail Road
North Harwich Hilliard Hopkins, Depot Street

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